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Summer fun



Let the EX begin!

People enjoy the swings in the amusement park as Edmonton's biggest summer event — Capital EX — kicked off yesterday at the Northlands exhibition grounds. See coverage of the Capital EX parade on Page 4.

Convenience store worker stabbed

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Police are looking for two native males who allegedly stabbed a Mac's convenience store clerk early yesterday morning in the city's west end.

The worker, who was suffering from a stab wound, stumbled into a nearby pizza parlour looking for help near 175 Street and 82 Avenue after he was attacked shortly after 2:30 a.m., police said. The man was sent to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

After the two suspects entered the store, one was seen loitering around the shop for a short time before he approached the counter and produced a knife, police said after investigators studied the store's surveillance footage.

The suspect demanded cash and attacked the clerk while the second person remained near the door while moving behind the counter during the assault to take several packs of cigarettes, police said.

Police said the pair took off on foot after the attack and it's unknown if the clerk was the only one working in the store.

Both suspects are described as clean shaven native males who are both 20 to 25 years old. One has a muscular build and is around five-foot-seven. The other stands at five-foot-nine with a thin build.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 423-4567.

Tragedy shocks friend

Woman talks to Metro about Dawn O'Donald's 'troubled relationship'

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Lindsay Wakefield can't believe she'll be attending her best friend's funeral today, but isn't surprised that her common-law husband and father of her children is accused of killing her.

"They had a very, very troubled relationship. More than once she'd tried to leave him," Wakefield said in an exclusive interview with Metro.

Dawn O'Donald's slashed up body was found in her home in Wembley, Alta., last week.

"Her death was an absolute shock. It's not every day you hear that your friend has been killed by somebody that she was with."

Lindsay Wakefield

Police located her common-law husband, 32-year-old James Thomas McIntyre, close to the scene of the crime and charged him with second-degree murder.

Wakefield said that through the couple's eight-year relationship, McIntyre was addicted to cocaine and abused O'Donald numerous times. The friend alleges the man eventually abandoned her and their eight-year-old daughter and twin four-year-

old daughters.

"Earlier this year he said that he didn't want to be with her anymore because he didn't want to be a father anymore and didn't want the responsibility," said O'Donald.

"He left her for another woman."

Wakefield said O'Donald returned to Grande Prairie to stay with her family, where she felt safe, and that's when McIntyre

followed her.

"I believe that he was following her. He pretty much hunted her down for the simple purpose of killing her."

James Thomas McIntyre was denied bail Wednesday morning and will make his election and plea in court Aug. 20.

"Her death was an absolute shock," said O'Donald. "It's not every day you hear that your friend has been killed by somebody that she was with."

O'Donald's funeral will be held in Grande Prairie at 11 a.m. today.

"I'm going to miss her so much," Wakefield said through tears.

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Local



ED fest shines

Collective Soul will be playing ED Fest tonight as part of the 10 day music fest down at the Northlands grounds for Capital EX. The group is most well known for their 1993 hit "Shine," which shot them up to the top of the charts that year.

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Clash outside court during cat case

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Tensions ran high outside a Camrose courtroom yesterday after two teens accused of cooking a family cat to its death in a microwave were denied sentencing pending psychiatric evaluation.

Animal rights activists protested the death of Princess outside the courthouse, the cat that was said to have been tossed in a microwave by the teens who broke into a Camrose home in late December while it screamed for 10 minutes until it died.

At one point, protesters

"They might have mental disturbance but the mental torment that they've gone through is enough."

Linda Hugo, a Camrose resident

clashed with one woman, who held a sign that read "youth paid most of the penalty already outside court."

"It's a terrible thing that they did, but it's now water under the bridge," said Linda Hugo, a Camrose resident, angry with the alleged harassment the teens have been enduring. "They might have mental disturbance but the mental torment that they've gone through is enough."

One of the teens and his

family have moved to Edmonton as a result of the torment.

The suggestion to put off the trial until a psychiatric evaluation could be completed was at the request of the Crown.

"... they're not [supposedly] responding appropriately to certain societal lines, and that's why I want to have them looked at," said Crown Prosecutor John Laluk.

The teens are set to make their next appearance Sept. 4.

Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes Controlled Through Diet and Exercise Participants Needed

What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to test the safety of a new oral medication to treat diabetes.

Who can enter the study?

Persons with type 2 diabetes who: are currently managing their diabetes through diet and exercise; are between the ages of 31-75 years; and have never received insulin therapy. Additional inclusion and exclusion criteria will be reviewed at time of screening.

What are the study participants asked to do?

Participants will spend a total of seven nights in the University of Alberta Hospital and make six visits to the research unit. Participants will be asked to take a new oral medication. Participants will undergo several monitoring tests (vital signs, ECG, blood and urine sampling).

Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated at a rate of \$20/hour for a maximum of 244 hours for their involvement in the study.

Who can I contact for more information?

You may call 780-407-2965 or email kate.bailey@capitalhealth.ca to learn more about the study.



Gamers compete at the Edmonton stop of the Amp Your Game national gaming tour, a three-day event that kicked off yesterday to find Canada's best video gamer.

Video games get amped at WEM

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for Metro Edmonton

Things have come far from the days of Pitfall and Super Mario Bros.

As part of a Canada-wide videogame tour, Amp Your Game is in Edmonton from July 17 to July 19 down by West Edmonton Mall and they're looking for the fourth and final member of the Amp Energy Pro Team.

The captain of the team, Ottawa based gamer Nelson Triana, will be looking over the hopefuls over the

"We're looking for someone who is extremely dedicated, because this is treated exactly like a job."

Pro Team captain Nelson Triana

three-day event, hoping to find someone that can fill out the last spot on his gaming squad.

"We're looking for someone who is extremely dedicated, because this is treated exactly like a job," said Triana. "We're playing eight hours a day and five days a week."

He said a lot of the time isn't just training and playing the game, as there's

time where they sit down and go over tape of positives and negatives of how the team played, just like other competitive sports.

"People don't know too much about it but that's why we have this tour; to educate people about it," he said.

Triana has won over \$30,000 in prize money in various tournaments around the country.

Two arrested after body discovered in Leduc

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Mounties in Leduc have arrested two people accused of killing a 30-year-old man from the Leduc-Beaumont area Wednesday.

Though it's not yet known how Kristopher Ryan Kratchmer died, police have said that he knew the 19-year-old man and the 16-year-old boy charged with his murder "very well."

Police say they received a call around 4:45 a.m. Wednesday, with a report of a single car crash on Glen Park Road, off the Queen Elizabeth II Highway.

two charged

Robbie Allen Harnish, 19, has been charged with first-degree murder, and will be appearing in court in Leduc on July 24. A 16-year-old charged with first-degree murder, will appear in court on July 25 in Leduc.

Upon arriving at the scene of the collision, police discovered Kratchmer's body.

Leduc RCMP spokeswoman Const. Deanna Fontaine said Kratchmer died on scene.

His body was transported to the Medical Examiner's office yesterday for a

scheduled autopsy.

Both the victim and the two suspects were known to police. Each of the accused is from Leduc.

Fontaine said police don't suspect the murder is tied to gang activity or drugs, and are hoping someone saw something that will assist in answering questions surrounding the case.

"Investigators would like to ask members of the public that may have been travelling on Glen Park Road between Highway 2 and Secondary Highway 795 in the early morning hours of July 16 to contact investigators if they saw anyone or anything and believe they may have information," Fontaine said.



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The sights of the Capital EX parade

Thousands lined up the 102 Avenue to catch marching troops, bands, politicians, horses and street sweepers to kick off Edmonton's biggest summer celebration during the annual Capital EX parade.

The parade included close to 100 floats, tanks, marching bands and interesting characters on bicycles.

No official word has been made on how many people filled downtown streets to check out the parade, but last year's numbers totalled over 200,000.

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Victim's relatives get custody of kids after alleging husband was abusive

COOPER The parents of a slain former Edmonton resident have received custody of her children after courts heard stories of her husband's abuse towards her and their children, reports U.S. media.

According to an ABC News report, Nancy Cooper's mother and father, Garry and Donna Rentz, and her identical twin sister, Krista Lister, filed the report, saying that husband Brad Cooper would deny his wife money for food and wasn't faithful in the marriage leading up to her death.

The report from ABC said that Brad Cooper "fre-

quently yelled at Nancy Cooper and belittled her in the presence of the minor children."

The twin sister of the slain woman said that she was always the greatest supporter and would always be there for support.

"She's my sister and she's my everything," Lister said in the news conference.

The story has made national headlines in the U.S. after Cooper's body turned up July 14, only kilometres away from her home — two days after going missing during an early morning jog in the town of Cary, N.C.

Police obtained and exe-

cuted a search warrant Wednesday on the couple's home and their vehicles.

"The moment that we announced that this was a murder, it was important that we secure the home as a possible crime scene," said Town of Cary police Chief Pat Bazemore in a press release.

"As you know, an investigation is as important for ruling things out as ruling things in."

Brad Cooper has not been listed as a suspect or a person of interest by police, but have warrants to obtain DNA from him.

ANDREW COWIE/
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Cleanup

Pipe spills 1,260 barrels of oil

LEAK Crews have been busy cleaning up more than 1,260 barrels of diesel fuel after a Suncor pipeline sprung a leak near Lac La Biche that was discovered by a worker Tuesday morning, the firm says.

The pipeline moves fuel from Fort McMurray to Edmonton and the company says there is no one living within 10 km of the affected area that is all land.

No evacuations were reported, along with injuries or any harm to the public.

Energy Resources Conservation Board is expected to launch an investigation.

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Montreal researchers have discovered the gene that controls ovulation, opening the door to potential new contraceptives and infertility treatments. "It's another target for contraception clearly," said Dr. Bruce Murphy, a co-author of the paper, which appears this week in the journal *Genes and Development*. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Researchers make fertility breakthrough

Canada



McCartney to separatists: Let it be

Former Beatle Paul McCartney, preparing for a massive concert in Quebec City on Sunday, finds himself in the eye of a storm as Quebec nationalists are in full froth over what they term a British cultural invasion. In an interview with Radio-Canada yesterday, McCartney played down complaints that his visit compounds the "Canadianization" of Quebec City's 400th anniversary. "I think it's time to, you know, smoke the pipe of peace and just put away the hatchets," the rocker said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canadian draws controversy

Mixed response to artist's New Yorker cover

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada



Public outcries, condemnations by politicians, heated dialogue on 24-hour news channels — it's a perfect day's handiwork for a Canadian editorial cartoonist.

That's the response to the illustration on the cover of the July 21st edition of the *New Yorker* by Connecticut-based Canadian ex-pat Barry Blitt that depicts U.S. presumptive presidential nominee Barack Obama and his wife Michelle as Islamic extremist terrorists fist bumping in the Oval Office. Behind them on the wall sits a portrait of Osama bin Laden as the American flag burns in the fireplace under it.

While the magazine calls the cartoon — which has

galvanized opinions and sparked worldwide debate — satire, others including spokespersons for both Obama's and U.S. Senator John McCain's presidential campaigns deride it as "tasteless and offensive."

Blitt, who refused interviews Wednesday, released an earlier statement to the *Huffington Post* saying: "I think the idea that the Obamas are branded as unpatriotic (let alone as terrorists) in certain sectors is preposterous. It seemed to me that depicting the concept would show it as the fear-mongering ridiculousness that it is."

Blitt is no stranger to controversy. In 2004, he was named in a lawsuit ex-media baron Conrad Black filed against *Toronto Life*

for depicting the ex-media baron jubilantly arriving in hell.

But the contentious discussion the cover has generated is just indicative of a job well done, says *Toronto Star* editorial cartoonist Patrick Corrigan, who lauds the *New Yorker* cover.

"It's an excellent cartoon. It's hard-hitting and it does everything it's supposed to do," says Corrigan. "But in this case, the target was the right-wing media like *FoxNews* that have described Obama in this way. That isn't made clear here. The audience the *New Yorker* is speaking to, the swanky Manhattan crowd, they'll get it. But a casual reader who isn't interested in politics will take this literally."



This *New Yorker* cover by artist Barry Blitt, shows Barack Obama dressed as a Muslim and his wife Michelle as a terrorist.

News in brief

LABOUR Workers will have more freedom to take their skills to different provinces under a new pact reached by the premiers that ensures credentials in virtually all fields should be recognized in every province and territory by next April.

CRIME Canada's crime rate fell last year the lowest in 30 years, continuing a trend that began in the early '90s, figures released yesterday show. The crime rate in 2007 was down seven per cent from the year before with fewer serious violent crimes, such as murder, and a lower rate of "high volume" crimes such as minor thefts, *StatsCan* reported.

MISCONDUCT Nine B.C. physicians were disciplined for sexual misconduct involving patients in 2007, according to the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons annual report. In one case, a Maple Ridge physician asked his patient on a date while giving her a vaginal exam.

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Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's lawyers cross-examined a U.S. businessman yesterday whose damaging portrait of a politician with his hand out for cash stands at the centre of a corruption case. Olmert has said he will step down if indicted. **REUTERS**

World/Business

Gitmo trial set to begin

U.S. judge rejects request to delay war crimes tribunals

The first Guantanamo Bay war crimes trial, of Osama bin Laden's former driver, can start next week, a federal judge ruled yesterday, refusing to intervene in the military process backed by U.S. President George W. Bush and Congress.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson rejected a request from attorneys for Salim Hamdan, who drove for the al Qaeda leader in

war trials

The Guantanamo trials are the first U.S. war crimes tribunals since World War Two. They were set up to try non-American captives whom the Bush administration considers "enemy combatants" not entitled to the legal protections granted to soldiers and civilians.

Afghanistan, to stop his trial while he challenges the military tribunal system.

Robertson heard more than two hours of arguments from Hamdan's lawyers and the Justice Department over whether

the trial should be delayed. It is due to start on July 21.

Hamdan, a Yemeni, would be the first prisoner tried in the U.S. war crimes court at the Guantanamo naval base in Cuba. There are about 265 detainees at

base's prison camp, which was set up in January 2002 to hold terrorism suspects captured after the Sept. 11 attacks by al Qaeda in 2001.

Most have been held for years without being charged and many have complained of abuse.

Hamdan's attorneys said a landmark Supreme Court ruling last month made clear the detainees are entitled to fundamental constitutional rights. **REUTERS**

Business

Gasoline prices slow to reflect oil decline

RETAIL It will likely to be the middle of next week before gasoline retail prices begin reflecting an 11-per-cent drop in oil prices seen over the past three days, experts say. The decline represents in dollars the biggest three-day fall since oil futures began trading 25 years ago.

But opinions are divided over whether the drop is merely temporary relief — reflecting falling North American demand and concerns over inflation — or the beginning of a long-term slide that could see a barrel of crude costing less than \$80 US within a year. "A price of almost \$150 a

"A price of almost \$150 a barrel is unsustainable and the \$200 target ... will soon prove a mirage."

Clément Gignac

barrel is unsustainable and the \$200 target advanced by some folks will soon prove a mirage," wrote National Bank Financial economist Clément Gignac.

But others feel the global supply-demand outlook will drive oil to \$200 a barrel. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Israel holds funerals for slain soldiers

PRISONER SWAP Thousands attended Israeli funerals yesterday for two slain soldiers returned in a prisoner swap with Hezbollah and their grief contrasted with Lebanon's joy over guerrillas freed in the deal.

Defence Minister Ehud Barak vowed at a funeral held in the northern Israeli town of Nahariya that Israel would make every effort to retrieve other captive soldiers, who were abducted by militants from the Gaza Strip in a 2006 cross-border raid. **REUTERS**

Madrid bombing Four men cleared of charges



Media reporters surround Abdelilah Fadual El Akil, one of the four men cleared of crimes related to the 2004 Madrid train bombings, as he leaves the prison of Albolote in the southern Spanish province of Granada, yesterday. A Spanish court yesterday cleared four of the 21 people charged for crimes related to the 2004 Madrid train bombings, which killed 191 people.

U.S. approves financial sanctions against Iran

NUCLEAR The U.S. Senate Banking Committee overwhelmingly approved a bill yesterday that would expand trade and economic sanctions in another attempt to prod Iran to step back from suspected nuclear weapons production and alleged support for terrorist activities.

By a vote of 19-2, the committee sent to the full

Senate legislation that would try to clamp down on countries suspected of helping transport sensitive technologies and goods to Iran in violation of existing U.S. rules. The measure also encourages U.S. pension plan managers and state and local governments to divest, directly or indirectly, from Iran's energy sector. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CLIMATE CHANGE Al Gore, the Nobel Prize-winning crusader on climate change, challenged the United States yesterday to commit to producing all U.S. electricity from renewable sources like solar and wind power in 10 years.

DARFUR CRISIS Senegal's president said yesterday the U.S. told African leaders at one stage they might send troops to Sudan's Darfur if they did not act to halt what he saw as genocide there. **REUTERS**

Sony to sell movies, TV shows for new PS3

GAMES Sony's new PS3 console is going Hollywood.

Sony, which unveiled a new video service for its PlayStation 3 console at the E3 video game industry trade show in Los Angeles, says it will rent out and sell movies and television programs online for the new PS3 console and double the hard drive capacity of the previous model.

The service will take a few months to reach Canada due to last-minute details to be ironed out with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, said Matt Levitan, marketing and public relations representative for PlayStation Canada. But he

features

Set for release in September in the U.S., the latest version of the PS3 will feature an 80-gigabyte hard drive for \$399, the same price as the PS3's current 40-gigabyte hard drive. Rentals for shows and movies are \$3, \$6 for hi-def, and \$15 to own, and will be compatible with the portable PSP console.

says it will be well worth the wait. "The PS3 is really hitting its stride," he said. "Doubling the amount of hard drive space on the console is certainly an asset for our customers."

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Soccer

Former United States striker Brian McBride was one of three over-age players on the list for the under-23 event. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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Chinese authorities are tightening security in the lead-up to the 2008 Summer Olympics, which kick off on Aug. 8 in Beijing.

Beijing in lockdown mode

Pre-Games security crackdown continues as foreigners exit in droves

Is the Olympic party over even before it begins?

With every passing day, Beijing is slowly going into lockdown.

Foreigners are being scrutinized more than ever before, random security checks have begun on the city's subways and visa restrictions continue to tighten. Whether Beijing's Olympics can be the open, welcoming, joyous celebration for which the Games have come to be known is questionable.

But one thing is certain: Canada's Derek Hildenbrand won't be here.

The 29-year-old Web marketing specialist from Banff, Alta., has called Beijing home for 4 1/2 years.

But on Canada Day, he left for Eastern Europe — a casualty of the Chinese government's visa regulations being more strictly en-

forced as the countdown to the Games quickens.

Like countless thousands of foreigners, Hildenbrand was in Beijing on an easily renewable F-visa. Now the government has terminated F-visas — and he'll have to reapply from abroad.

"It's a major hassle," Hildenbrand said.

"And trying to find answers from the government is impossible. No one seems to know what's going on."

It's all part of the ever-tightening stranglehold of security that has gripped the city since the beginning of the new year.

With more than 100 heads of state coming to the Games, and the eyes of the world looking on, Chinese authorities have become — perhaps understandably — obsessed with security and are trying to examine and re-examine the status of every foreigner in Beijing.

National image counts, too.

Authorities have been shutting down selected bars, magazines, dissidents and websites — anyone and anything they feel might adversely affect China's reputation.

"They want this to be an absolutely perfect presentation," says Gilbert Kerckhove, a Beijing-based consultant. "They don't want to leave anything to chance."

For young Westerners who in recent years have flooded into Beijing — bringing their party spirit with them — it could be the end of an era, or at the very least, a long hiatus.

"There have been a lot of clampdowns," says Hildenbrand, "and it just doesn't seem to be as much fun."

Legitimately or otherwise, foreigners have been a target.

In the words of the China

"They want this to be an absolutely perfect presentation. They don't want to leave anything to chance."

Gilbert Kerckhove

Law Blog, an award-winning Chinese website: "China's law enforcement against foreigners is constantly getting stricter and the pace has only accelerated in the last few months."

The visa restrictions pushing many Westerners out today are only the most recent escalation of ever-tightening security.

But China's security concerns are real, Kerckhove says, adding: "They're scared to death, especially about the possibility of an airborne attack."

Just yesterday, officials

announced Beijing will restrict aircraft landing and taking off during the opening ceremony on Aug. 8 due to security concerns.

And last month, Chinese security officials revealed batteries of surface-to-air missiles have been placed within 800 metres of the Bird's Nest stadium, the architectural centrepiece of the Games that will host the opening and closing ceremonies.

But the visa clampdown will come with adverse consequences for legitimate businesses.

"Business is drying up," Kerckhove says, noting that delays in getting visas have meant business trips to China and meetings have had to be rescheduled and even cancelled. He predicts that for the next two months, "industry and trade is going to grind to a halt."

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Chambers ruling expected today

ATHLETICS Sprinter Dwain Chambers will have to wait until today to find out if his High Court challenge to an Olympic ban imposed by the British Olympic Association has been successful.

A decision had been expected yesterday. **REUTERS**

Yao returns after five months

BASKETBALL Yao Ming gave China's Olympic basketball hopes a boost when he returned to action for the first time after five months on the sidelines in China's 96-72 victory over Serbia in a warm-up tournament yesterday. **REUTERS**

IAAF rejects Pistorius' claim

ATHLETICS The International Association of Athletics Federations rejected an accusation from double amputee Oscar Pistorius yesterday that it was desperate to stop him competing at the Beijing Olympics.

Pistorius, who successfully appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport against an IAAF ban, failed in his bid to run in the 400 metres but still hopes to be a member of South Africa's 4x400 relay squad. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

SOCCER China has taken the daily running of its soccer team away from Ratomir Djukovic for health reasons, state media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

BEIJING An official admitted yesterday he had no idea when exactly three crucial new subway lines would open. **REUTERS**

SOCCER Abby Wambach suffered a broken leg during the United States' 1-0 victory over Brazil on Wednesday and will miss the Games. **REUTERS**

Monday's lineup

MONEY TALKS Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Pearce says the image of the poor athlete is a myth, but swimmer Adam Sioui disagrees. "If my parents weren't there to give me support," he says, "I don't think I would have made it to this level." Read Monday's Metro for more.

20 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

10 things you should know if you're going to Beijing

The Beijing Olympics promise to be the most security-conscious ever. China has even released a list of dos and don'ts for visitors:

1. If a foreigner stays in the home of a Chinese resident, she must report to the local police within 24 hours.
2. A foreigner operating a motor vehicle must hold a state-issued temporary driver's permit.
3. All of China is not open to foreigners, who may not trav-

el to prohibited areas without permission.

4. Places of entertainment may not operate between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.
5. Foreigners must carry passports at all times. Police can examine your documents at any time.
6. China forbids the display of insulting slogans and banners promoting religious, political or ethnic slogans in Olympic stadiums.
7. To hold a rally, demonstra-

tion or protest, application must be made to the Public Security Office.

8. Prostitution is forbidden.
9. Guns and ammunition, crossbows, daggers and similar weapons are not permitted without authorization.
10. To burn, damage, inscribe, stain, stomp on or by any other means deface the Chinese flag or other emblems of China in a public place is a criminal offence.

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An Olympic volunteer greets foreign tourists as they arrive at the new International airport in Beijing.

The New York Yankees have reached a tentative agreement with first baseman Richie Sexson, who was released by the Seattle Mariners a week ago, ESPN.com is reporting. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Aggressive D paying off

Esk's using pressure to create CFL-leading 7 interceptions

ROBIN BROWNLEE
for Metro Edmonton

The Edmonton Eskimos have pressure guys up front and ball hawks on the back end.

Between those components, Danny Maciocia's defence has a CFL-leading seven interceptions — that's half the 14 pick-offs the Eskimos managed all last season with 15 games to play.

"You're going to be able to make plays if you've got four guys up front who are getting to the quarterback," Maciocia said of the four-

some of Montez Murphy, Dario Romero, Jim Davis and Fred Perry. "We've got four guys who can pin their ears back and get after people."

Rookie Tristan Jackson got in on the act in last week's 47-28 win over the Toronto Argonauts with an 89-yard interception for a touchdown, giving the Eskimos seven players with one pick each heading into Sunday's rematch against the Argos in Hogtown.

Agustin Barrenechea, Jordan Younger, Johnnie Buhl, Jason Goss, Keith Williams, Shannon Garrett and Jackson each have an interception.

Garrett should have two, but he bobbled a Michael Bishop pass that was snatched away by Johnny Morant, who went 52 yards for a touchdown in the win over Toronto.

"When you're playing aggressive, chances are you're going to be exposed at some point in time by giving up one or two," shrugs Maciocia. "But I'd rather have the mindset that we have just as much right to the ball as the offence does."

• Damien Anderson started in the backfield in the first two games, but after averaging just 3.4 yards on

17 carries and watching A.J. Harris run for 89 yards on 14 carries against Toronto, he's been put on the injury list with what Maciocia says is a bad shoulder.

"Damien is injured, he has a shoulder injury," insists Maciocia. "He'll be out for a little while here."

• With Sunday's game against the Boatmen and a tilt against the Tiger-Cats in Hamilton the following Friday, the Eskimos have packed for a week-long road swing, rather than return home and then fly back to St. John's. They'll spend the days between games in Burlington.

Baseball's success simply remarkable

YorkReport

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The economy sucks, baseball is far too slow for the fast-paced world in which we live, and MLB commissioner Bud Selig is pretty well a buffoon.

And yet, despite these three undeniable factballs, big-league baseball is somehow not striking out. Rather, it is defying the odds. As it launches the post-All-Star-Game portion of its schedule, MLB is actually on pace to reach a mind-boggling attendance record — 80-million spectators.

While companies throughout Canada and the United States are folding, while mortgages cannot be paid, and while gas tanks cannot be filled, turnstiles at MLB parks somehow spin at an unprecedented rate.

What gives?

Selig's belief is that baseball, for a reason he can't quite figure out, is bulletproof to the economy. He figures families might call off long vacation trips because of the absurd gas prices they're dealing with but will still be inclined to patronize MLB ballpark.

"I don't have empirical data to support my theory," the commish said this week. "It's just something I feel, that's all."

Whatever, Selig is either the luckiest guy in sports or the slyest because, some-

how, baseball is on pace to set its fifth consecutive attendance record. And that's remarkable, really.

• I still think Selig and his stuffed-shirt colleagues are out to lunch, however, when they continue to defend the most inequitable rule difference in sports.

I mean, why does the NL not use a designated hitter? It creates such a dramatic disparity between it and the AL that it's almost unfathomable. The AL has been using the DH since 1973, for crying out loud. The NL still lives in the dark ages.

How ridiculous is it for AL pitchers who haven't hit in years suddenly having to pretend to do so in NL parks, even during the World Series?

• While Selig gets off scot-free for his DH dizziness, he'll find himself in an ocean of hot water if **Barry Bonds** isn't signed by an MLB club soon.

A few contenders are expressing interest in Bonds — including the Arizona Diamondbacks and Detroit Tigers — but should he remain unemployed in another 10 days or so, look for the MLB Players Association to file a legal grievance claiming owners and executives conspired to keep the controversial home-run king out of the majors.

• For Canadian football stuff, including details of a private memo sent out to clubs from league headquarters, check out my latest CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Norman in contention at British Open

PGA Two-time former champion Greg Norman, who plays more tennis than golf at the age of 53, spectacularly stole the limelight from the game's best players in yesterday's opening round at the British Open.

The former world No. 1, the second-oldest player in the 153-strong field, fired a level-par 70 to end a gruelling day one stroke off the pace at a wet, wind-buffed Royal Birkdale.

U.S. Open runner-up Rocco Mediate seized control with a 69 before being joined at the top of the

leaderboard by Scottish Open champion Graeme McDowell and Australian Robert Allenby.

Despite having missed three cuts in his five appearances worldwide this year, Norman moved into contention with a patient display of links-course golf. "I don't play much (golf) and I don't practice much," Norman told reporters after taking advantage of easing afternoon conditions.

Canada's Mike Weir sits in a tie for seventh place at one-over par. Stephen Ames is at three-over.



Canada's Mike Weir looks for his lost ball in the rough on the 16th hole during the first round of play at the 2008 British Open at Royal Birkdale yesterday. Weir sits in a tie for seventh place.

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Sports in brief

NHL The NHL released the 2008-9 season's schedule yesterday. The Edmonton Oilers open their 30th anniversary season on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, hosting Northwest Division rival, the Colorado Avalanche at Rexall Place.

MLB The Philadelphia Phillies bolstered a thin starting rotation yesterday, acquiring pitcher Joe Blanton from the Oakland Athletics for three minor league prospects. The Phillies sent infielder Adrian Cardenas, outfielder Matt Spencer and pitcher Josh Outman to Oakland in exchange for Blanton.

NBA Guard Deron Williams has agreed to a contract extension with the Utah Jazz, the team announced yesterday.

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| EAST DIVISION | | | | | WEST DIVISION | | | | |
| Boston | 57 | 40 | .588 | — | Chicago Cubs | 57 | 38 | .600 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 55 | 39 | .585 | 1/2 | St. Louis | 54 | 43 | .557 | 4 |
| N.Y. Yankees | 50 | 45 | .526 | 6 | Milwaukee | 52 | 43 | .547 | 5 |
| Toronto | 47 | 48 | .495 | 9 | Cincinnati | 46 | 51 | .474 | 12 |
| Baltimore | 45 | 49 | .479 | 10 1/2 | Pittsburgh | 44 | 51 | .463 | 13 |
| CENTRAL DIVISION | | | | | WEST DIVISION | | | | |
| Chicago Sox | 54 | 40 | .574 | — | Arizona | 47 | 48 | .495 | — |
| Minnesota | 53 | 42 | .558 | 1 1/2 | L.A. Dodgers | 46 | 49 | .484 | 1 |
| Detroit | 48 | 47 | .505 | 6 1/2 | S.A. Francisco | 40 | 55 | .421 | 7 |
| Kansas City | 43 | 53 | .448 | 12 | Colorado | 40 | 57 | .412 | 8 |
| Cleveland | 41 | 53 | .436 | 13 | San Diego | 37 | 59 | .385 | 10 1/2 |
| WEST DIVISION | | | | | AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | | |
| L.A. Angels | 57 | 38 | .600 | — | DETROIT 6 Baltimore 5 | | | | |
| Oakland | 51 | 44 | .537 | 6 | NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | | |
| Texas | 50 | 46 | .521 | 7 1/2 | EAST DIVISION | | | | |
| Seattle | 37 | 58 | .389 | 20 | N.Y. Mets | 52 | 44 | .542 | — |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | | | St. Louis | 54 | 43 | .557 | 4 |
| Philadelphia | 54 | 44 | .554 | — | Colorado 5 | 40 | 57 | .412 | 8 |
| N.Y. Mets | 52 | 44 | .542 | — | TONIGHT'S GAMES | | | | |
| Florida | 50 | 45 | .526 | 1 1/2 | AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | | |
| Atlanta | 45 | 50 | .474 | 6 1/2 | Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 | | | | |
| Washington | 36 | 60 | .375 | 16 | Detroit at Baltimore, 5:05 | | | | |
| CENTRAL DIVISION | | | | | Toronto at Tampa Bay, 5:10 | | | | |
| Chicago Cubs | 57 | 38 | .600 | — | Texas at Minnesota, 6:10 | | | | |
| St. Louis | 54 | 43 | .557 | 4 | Kansas City at Chicago W. Sox, 6:11 | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 52 | 43 | .547 | 5 | Boston at L.A. Angels, 8:05 | | | | |
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| Colorado | 40 | 57 | .412 | 8 | WEST DIVISION | | | | |
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| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | | | Calgary | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 | | | | | EDMONTON | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Detroit at Baltimore, 5:05 | | | | | B.C. | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Toronto at Tampa Bay, 5:10 | | | | | LAST NIGHT'S GAME | | | | |
| Texas at Minnesota, 6:10 | | | | | Calgary 43 Hamilton 16 | | | | |
| Kansas City at Chicago W. Sox, 6:11 | | | | | TONIGHT'S GAME | | | | |
| Boston at L.A. Angels, 8:05 | | | | | Winnipeg at B.C., 8 | | | | |
| Cleveland at Seattle, 8:10 | | | | | TOMORROW'S GAME | | | | |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | | | Montreal at Saskatchewan, 5 | | | | |
| EAST DIVISION | | | | | SUNDAY'S GAME | | | | |
| Montreal | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | EDMONTON at Toronto, 1 | | | | |
| Toronto | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| Hamilton | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| Winnipeg | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |



Love brothers

Will Ferrell reunites with John C. Reilly and says he loves the improvised feel of Step Brothers. **page 16**



Movie review, page 14 **Dark Knight**

If for nothing else, the Dark Knight is worth seeing for **Heath Ledger's** mesmerizing performance.

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Music



Vampire Weekend bites back

Despite success of African-inspired album, indie act works to shed 'world' label

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Vampire Weekend faces the danger of getting killed with kindness.

Sources in the know have gushed over the four Ivy League preppies from New York — named by Spin Magazine as “The Year’s Best New Band” in their March 2008 issue — and how they’ve appropriated African sounds into their perky, self-titled indie pop release. The album earned ubiquitous comparisons with Paul Simon’s 1986 Grammy Award-winning *Graceland*, a work he recorded in South Africa that featured several of that country’s artists. But Vampire Weekend accepts the praise “with a grain of salt,” says keyboardist Rostam Batmanglij. One can easily tell the band frets that the “world music” label the press has given them, and

that the Columbia University grads consider inaccurate, might stick.

“F—k them!” he says over the phone from Utrecht, Holland. “I’ve read stuff about us that the press has written and half the time they don’t know what they’re talking about. Parts of it are definitely inspired by African music and world beat, but we think it sounds pretty Western. It’s a blitz: You can’t go anywhere without hearing someone’s opinion and everyone wants to respond to what’s said about them.”

Possibly a much more difficult handle to rebuke given recent events: World beat maestro Peter Dinklage released a cover of Vampire Weekend’s single Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa — VW’s version made Rolling Stone’s 100 Best Songs of the Year — as a response to the band dropping the ex-Genesis member’s name to hand-



Vampire Weekend’s self-titled debut has drawn comparisons to Paul Simon’s *Graceland*.

drummed Congolese dance music, Kenyan benga beats and off-time guitar licks. Batmanglij says British electro-pop act Hot Chip provides the instrumentals while Gabriel lends vocals.

“It’s pretty surreal to hear him (Gabriel) cover us because he’s so huge,” Batmanglij said. “But I think it’s cool. You get the feel of his music in the cover.”

In the meantime, the

band has set to work penning songs for their sophomore effort, experimenting with two new tracks at the recent Bonaroo and Glastonbury festivals. Batmanglij says the second will have less of an afro-

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Rostam Batmanglij

beat, but will still feature an eclectic mosaic of various global styles — one features a back-up six-string for frontman Ezra Koenig, and an electric backing track. For Batmanglij, a return home to record might be the most welcome part of it all.

“We’re interested in plurality in our music and combining points of view,” he said. “It’s definitely going to be different, and we’re looking forward to getting back to New York to do it. Since the album came out, we’ve had this ‘out-of-town’ lifestyle. It’s hard to justify paying my rent.”

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CDReviews

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Carla Bruni

Album: Comme si de Rien

N'était Label: Naïve

Release date: July 15

★★★★★

SOME PEOPLE will pan Carla Bruni's new record simply because she's married to French President Nicolas Sarkozy. But take a listen to *Comme si de Rien N'était* and you see that this model-turned-singer-turned-political figure is one talented first lady. Her third disc is full of soft, acoustic tracks, which touch on childhood, life at 40 and her famous husband. It's all very pleasant, but she's not as passionate as fellow Frenchie Karen Ann, who does baroque pop better. Still, after a couple spins it won't matter who this songstress is sleeping with.

Bryan Borzykowski

more online

To read the rest of this week's reviews visit metronews.ca.

John Mellencamp

Album: Life, Death, Love

And Freedom Label: Hear Music

Release date: July 15

★★★★★

JOHN MELLENCAMP TAKES on the persona of a cranky old man sitting in a rocking chair with a shotgun across his lap. He's doing battle with the grim reaper in a voice that's raspy, raw, bitter and angry. This is not for John Cougar fans, but for lovers of Steve Earle and Springsteen's Nebraska. Mellencamp and producer T-Bone Burnett have cut a masterful country-blues album.

Graham Rockingham

TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

- 1 I Kissed A Girl Katy Perry
- 2 Lollipop Lil Wayne
- 3 Dangerous Kardinal Offishall
- 4 Crazy Bitch Buckcherry
- 5 Love In This Club Usher
- 6 Calabria 2007 Enur
- 7 Low Flo Rida
- 8 When I Grow Up The Pussycat Dolls
- 9 Just Dance Lady Gaga
- 10 Bleeding Love Leona Lewis

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This Day In Music

In 1992, singer Whitney Houston and rapper Bobby Brown marry at Houston's mansion in Mendham Township, N.J. Among the guests are Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight, Gloria Estefan and Dick Clark. **REUTERS**



Tales to rock the campfire

Dazzle your friends with these tidbits from the world of music

SoundCheck

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I'm not quite sure how we let this happen, but July is already half over. Adding insult is an unkind calendar which has allowed Labour Day to fall on September 1st, the earliest possible it can be. In other words, if you haven't started enjoying summer, best get to it.

With that in mind, here are ten things about rock music that you can use to dazzle people around the campfire or the barbecue:

Johnny Rotten, leader of Sex Pistols is married to a woman named Nora Forster. She's an heir to a German publishing and media fortune worth an estimated \$100 million. Meanwhile, Johnny has apparently made a nice

killing in the real estate market.

Jack White of the White Stripes once aspired to be a priest. As a real-life altar boy in Detroit, he was cast in a 1987 movie called The Rosary Murders.

As a kid, Eddie Vedder was a professional model, appearing in department store catalogues as well as several TV commercials and at least one episode of the original Bozo the Clown.

While attending University College London, Coldplay's Chris Martin was the captain of the men's field hockey team. Billy Talent used to be known as "Pez."

Pez, the candy company famous for their dispensers, was not impressed and threatened to sue.

Between the time they were formed and their retirement, the Ramones played exactly 2,262 shows. Johnny Ramone documented every single one of them.

Blur bassist Alex James has retired to the English countryside where he's become a master cheese maker. He's known for a variety of goat's cheese he calls "Little Wallop."

Stephen Hawking, the renowned wheelchair-bound physicist, is a major fan of Depeche Mode.

He wrote them a number of fan letters, asking to meet them.

The Longest Pop/Rock Song Ever: In 1996, Chris Butler released The Devil Glitch. Its 500 verses unfolded over a little more than 69 minutes.

Bonus fact: Chris wrote both the theme for the TV show, Square Pegs



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and the track Christmas Wrapping for the Waitresses.

But That's Nothing: John Cage's As Slow As Possible is currently being performed on an organ at a church in Halberstadt, Germany. It began on September 5, 2001 and is scheduled to end in 2640 after 639 years. (FYI: Weights are used to hold down keys on the organ.)

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in the studio

Spears working on new album

CELEBS Britney Spears is "spending her summer in the recording studio" working on a new album, according to a statement issued by her camp Wednesday.

The faded pop star is working with an unidentified "team of top-notch producers and songwriters" for the follow-up to last year's Blackout, which has sold 879,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

No release date was indicated in the statement from Jive Records and Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph.

Spears' career has been overshadowed in recent years by her chaotic personal life — marriages, divorces, kids and health problems.

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Rick McGinnis talks to the director of **American Teen**

Ledger's mesmerizing final performance

STEVE GOW
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The Dark Knight
Director: Christopher Nolan
Stars: Christian Bale, Heath Ledger
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW The Dark Knight — filmmaker Christopher Nolan's follow-up to Batman Begins — definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path as perhaps best exemplified by one character who prophetically says, "you either die a hero or you live

long enough to see yourself become the villain."

Wow. Happy days. The film begins with Gotham City under siege by criminals. It turns out that the presence of a hero like Batman (Christian Bale) attracts a darker element and none more so than psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger).

The film is really a chess game mainly between the two opposing players and Nolan focuses in on the moral struggle of its fascinating lead characters.

Oh, but they're not alone. Enter District Attor-

ney Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart), who in his attempt to clean up Gotham, gets himself tangled in the moral web, which eventually turns him into a maniacal vigilante as well.

I don't need to go into the plot details for The Dark Knight.

People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and the complexity of an antihero like Batman is intriguing, especially when played so expertly by Bale (although that scratchy Clint Eastwood impression does get a touch annoying

after 150 minutes). However, the main reason people may run to see this movie is to see the much lauded portrayal of The Joker by Heath Ledger.

It's difficult to judge how good Ledger's performance is because it is impossible to watch him without being influenced by the tabloid fanfare surrounding his death (did playing The Joker lead him to his demise?).

One thing is certain though — it's a mesmerizing performance and if for no other reason, The Dark Knight is worth seeing for Ledger.



The late Heath Ledger stars as The Joker in The Dark Knight.

Space Chimps a champ

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Space Chimps
Director: Kirk De Micco
Stars: Andy Samberg, Patrick Warburton
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW It's a difficult line to walk. The cocksure hero can't be too arrogant, or he won't win our hearts. There has to be charm and vulnerability in the mix, or we won't care what happens. With Ham III, the sarcastic, high-flying, naturally gifted, golden-hearted, computer-generated hero of Space Chimps, we care.

Ham III, voiced by Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg in this CGI kids flick, gets a lot of laughs. He's cocky, but it's easy to see through his posturing.



Space Chimps opens today.

His grandfather — Ham — was a famous chimp astronaut, and Ham III hasn't come close to living up to his family's legacy. He's a circus chimp who gets fired out of a cannon. But when Ham III gets recruited to lead an important space mission, he gets his chance to make his mark.

What follows is a predictable but entertaining story, kind of an Odyssey-Star Wars mix for chimps.

The kids will love Space Chimps. Kirk De Micco's script is snappy, and there

isn't much downtime in the brisk 81 minutes.

A couple of times, a gag is on the verge of being too long when De Micco wisely moves things along.

Space Chimps is well paced and will keep the young ones attentive.

And although the story is tried and true, it still holds together for adults.

Many CGI filmmakers try to cram in as many pop-culture references as possible, as if to say "look how clever we are!"

De Micco uses them sparingly and effectively without getting in the way of the narrative.

Space Chimps is the type of film kids can relate to, and parents can describe as "cute" when they talk about it amongst themselves.

And, as always, the CGI technology is a feast for the eyes.

Musicals aren't for everyone

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Mamma Mia!
Director: Phyllida Lloyd
Stars: Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW You should know that you've been forewarned when there's an exclamation mark in the title of a movie, I suppose.

The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up

with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. There's Sophie's bridesmaids, and Donna's old running mates Rosie (Julie Walters) and Tanya (Christine Baranski), all of whom greet each other with a symphony of squeals, and by the time the cast is belting out Dancing Queen, the first tremors of a crippling migraine should be lancing

through your cortex like a knitting needle.

Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent than they were, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning that he could have been any one of three men her mother slept with during some eventful summer in the '70s.

The three — played by Pierce Brosnan, Stellan Skarsgard and Colin Firth — arrive on the island and become the catalyst for a blaring but improbable farce predicated on the assumption that no one is capable of pausing for a second and reflecting on the obvious.

It's a plot that, should someone have suggested the simple expediency of a DNA test, would have pulled the whole movie up short after just one song.



Stellan Skarsgard, Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth try to figure out who the daddy is in Mamma Mia!, opening this weekend.

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Sequel The Simpsons is heading back to the big screen – creator Matt Groening has confirmed a sequel to last summer's hit movie. But Groening warns fans they have a long wait ahead, as the first film took four years to make. IMDB.COM



My Brother Is An Only Child captures more than sibling rivalry

My Brother Is An Only Child

Director: Daniele Luchetti
Stars: Elio Germano, Riccardo Scamarcio
Classification: 14A
Rating: ● ● ● ● ●

REVIEW Sibling Rivalry may not be a groundbreaking notion in cinema, but sibling rivalry based on the opposing ideologies of Fascism and Communism in 1960's Italy is ... well, you

don't see that everyday. In My Brother Is An Only Child, filmmaker Daniele Luchetti explores the diametrically opposed ambitions of two brothers of the same family. Whereas old-

er, handsome Manrico (Riccardo Scamarcio) fights for the rights of the working class, little brother Accio (Elio Germano) is an outright Fascist, getting into scraps and idolizing his

hero Mussolini. You can see how they might not get along. Intimidated by the politics of 1960s Italy, you say? No worry. As Luchetti has insisted, "the film does not take a political stand; it

talks about people who take stands." It does that well. My Brother isn't so much about two siblings fighting for their ideologies as it is about two brothers fighting for their identity.

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Reel Times

Ferrell loves to improv

Talladega Nights star reunites with McKay and Reilly in Step Brothers

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



FEATURE Whether it's one of his more memorable skits from Saturday Night Live or on the big-screen, Will Ferrell always seems like he's having a good time. As it turns out, that was exactly the case when Ferrell made Talladega Nights with director Adam McKay and co-star John C. Reilly. After finishing the 2006 comedy, the threesome made a "blood pact" to reunite.

"You have fun experiences (on films) and you say 'let's do it again' and then it slips through your fingers," says Ferrell. "So we really made a point to sit down and meet."

Following several brainstorm dinners, McKay dreamed up a ridiculous story about two feuding middle-aged slackers who would be forced to cope with each other after their respective parents met and got married.

The result: the hilarious new movie Step Brothers (out next Friday).

As with their previous effort, Step Brothers mostly works because it's filled with moments of inspired improvisation and madness.

"Adam's one of the few



Will Ferrell's comedic talents will hit the big screen next week in Step Brothers.

directors who we kind of do the take once and then we begin improvising whether we want to or not," says Ferrell. "It's unusual because most directors have you work on the scene until you have it down and then maybe you try an extra take just for fun."

However, Ferrell defends the final cut insisting that it's mostly scripted.

"We improvise a lot in the writing process so I think even our written scenes have that kind of back and forth feel that make it seem improvised."

It's that touch of magic

that has also turned the Step Brother trio into Internet stars. After launch-

ing the website Funny-or-Die.com, Ferrell and McKay garnered even more fans with hysterical homemade videos like The Landlord (starring McKay's foul-mouthed toddler Pearl).

Not only has it been viewed over 57 million times, but HBO has now invested in FunnyorDie.com with plans to produce specials from the website.

Step Brothers definitely follows the same sense of humor found on Funny-or-Die.com and, specifically, the only skit that stars all three Step Brothers collaborators — a sketch called The Green Team featuring unusual envirotips ("a compost bin is a great place to store a baby when you're finished with them").

When asked if that might be the next big-screen collaboration by the trio, McKay responds perhaps sarcastically, but without hesitation: "We'll pitch it. Sadistic environmentalists who go around beating people up — it's very sellable."

"We improvise a lot in the writing process so I think even our written scenes have that kind of back and forth feel that make it seem improvised."

Will Ferrell on Step Brothers

Movie morsels

Hancock

Comic book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world.

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

Hellboy II

Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's Hellboy sequel, we're reminded of a prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up Hellboy III — or IV or V; it's obvious no one's really bothered by this dose of dramatic Xanax — and deflates the conflict to come by underlining the likelihood that the hero will survive to fight another day. Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Brendan Fraser stars in this 3-D film, which features, among other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick. While you don't want to think too much about what Journey has to say about plate tectonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Meet Dave

Eddie Murphy plays both a human-shaped spaceship named Dave and the tiny alien Captain controlling his every move. On a quest to find a mysterious orb that crashed to Earth, he meets a family and learns the true lesson of friendship. It's a tricky role and Murphy mostly pulls it off but sloppy special effects and annoying supporting characters drag Dave down.

Steve Gow/For Metro Canada

Tale told slowly and ... silently

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Silent Light

Director: Carlos Reygadas

Stars: Cornelio Wall Fehr

Classification: STC

Classification: ●●●●●

REVIEW It's more than seven minutes into Silent Light before a single word is spoken. In fact, nearly six of those minutes are absorbed by a slow tracking shot of the sun rising on the stark New Mexico landscape. Beautiful as it is, if you're in a rush to get to the action, you better not hold your breath.

Mexican filmmaker Carlos Reygadas (Japón) won the Jury Prize at Cannes last year with this aesthetic, contemplative drama about a Mennonite farmer struggling with forbidden love, although I'm not exactly sure it was warranted. With a running time of



Maria Pankratz stars in Silent Light, a story of forbidden love in a New Mexico Mennonite settlement.

more than two hours, this movie showcases family man Johan (Cornelio Wall Fehr) and his doomed affair with another woman (Maria Pankratz).

While he has not kept it a secret from his devout wife (Miriam Toews), he must still decide what is right even as his faith (and his father) remind him extramarital romance is "the work of the enemy."

While the moral struggle is fascinating enough, here it is only somewhat effective. Surprisingly, it is not the use of non-professional actors that throw it off but the extremely sluggish pacing (did we really need to watch a three-minute scene of cows being milked?) that ends up making Silent Light more laborious and pretentious than entertaining.

Encounter At The End Of The World not close enough

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Encounters At The End Of The World

Director: Scott Rowland,

Stefan Pashov

Stars: Werner Herzog

Classification: G

Classification: ●●●●●

REVIEW At the beginning of the film, acclaimed director Werner Herzog (Grizzly Man, Rescue Dawn) flies to Antarctica to make a documentary but, as he claims, he will not "come up with another film about penguins."

Instead, the German filmmaker wants to study the eccentric personalities that make up the population that choose to inhabit an isolated world where everyone must take survival school.

Along the way, Herzog

does meet interesting people — a plumber who believes he's ancient Aztec royalty; a woman who contorts herself to fit inside a piece of luggage — but after 100 minutes of this, the film's goal is still unclear and you're left feeling unfulfilled.

There are beautiful scenes in Encounters.

When the cameras go under the icy surface, they find strange science fiction-like creatures.

Set to a choral score, those underused moments are simply haunting.

However, Herzog's most compelling encounter ironically comes when he discovers a fascinating penguin colony and a disoriented bird that strays off to its imminent death.

Considering Herzog's earlier claim, maybe he should've made March of the Penguins 2 after all.

Screen Times

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The Dark Knight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:12-4:30-2:40-6:40-8-10
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:35-9-10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-5:55-9-35
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-3:10-6:30-9-20

Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:25-6:45-9
Mamma Mia! (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-7:10-9:45
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7-9-30
Wanted (18A) Fri-Mon 6:50-9:15 Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:15

CLAREVIEW 10 CINEMAS
4211 139th Ave., 780-472-7600
The Dark Knight (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-1:10-3:20-4:20-6:35-7:40-9:45
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:40
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:20-9:55
Hellboy II: The Golden Army No Passes Fri-Sun 1:35-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:35-6:40-9:30
Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) No Passes, Digital Presentation Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-

6:45-9:15
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:50-9:25
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40
Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7-10-9:35
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 4:40-7:30-9:50

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8712 - 109 St., 780-433-2212
Encounters at the End of the World (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

METRO CINEMA
Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre Complex, 9828-101 Ave., 780-425-9212,
Edmonton Tonight (STC) Fri 10:30
Hell on Wheels (STC) Sat 8
Jaws (STC) Sun 2

Jurassic Park (STC) Sun 4:15
My Brother Is an Only Child (STC) Sun 9:30
Mon 7 Tue 9:30 Wed 7 Thu 9:30
Silent Light (STC) Fri 7 Sun 7 Mon 9 Tue 7 Wed 9 Thu 7

MOVIES 12
5074 130 Ave., 780-472-9779
The Bank Job (14A) Fri 9:40 Sat 9:40-11:55 Sun-Thu 9:40
Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:05-9-10
Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (PG) Fri-Thu 2:40-7:40-10:05
The Forbidden Kingdom (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:25-10 Sat 2:05-4:50-7:25-10-12:20 Sun-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:25-10
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Fri 1:50-4:25-7:15-9:45 Sat 1:50-4:25-7:15-9:45-12:10 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:15-9:45

Fugitive Pieces (14A) Fri 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:15 Sat 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:15-12:05 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:15
Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay Fri 1:55-4:55-7:35-9:55 Sat 1:55-4:55-7:35-9:55-12:10 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:55-7:35-9:55
Made of Honor Fri 1:30-4:05-7:20 Sat 1:30-4:05-7:20-11:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:20
Nim's Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:15
Speed Racer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:55-9:50
The Strangers (14A) Fri 1:45-4:40-7:30-9:35 Sat 1:45-4:40-7:30-9:35-11:45 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:30-9:35
What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30 Sat 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30-12 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:55-12:15 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:55

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Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (18A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:50-9 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9
Made of Honor (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:40
Speed Racer (PG) Fri-Sun 1:4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:6:40-9:20
The Strangers (14A) Fri-Sun 2:57-30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:7-30-9:50
What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:45
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:45-9:10
Young People F...ing (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:30

Baruchel on Buried

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FEATURE Most people know him as part of the posse of actors associated with writer/director Judd Apatow, but Jay Baruchel still makes Montreal his home base, and says that he's grateful when he gets a chance to stay in Canada and make a film like Chaz Thorne's *Just Buried*, a black comedy about a no-hoper who inherits a rural funeral home from the father he barely knew.

"I'm always looking for an excuse to pay some rent and stay in Canada," says Baruchel, who began his career in Hollywood with a small role in *Almost Famous* before entering the Apatow universe with the brilliant-but-canceled TV series *Undeclared*.

"I read one of the best scripts I'd ever read when I read *Just Buried* — I laughed, read the whole thing through in one sitting and never had to force myself to keep reading.

"I hate using terms like this, but I really did fall in love with the character, man. The kid really did make me laugh, and it was very close to my sense of



PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

"I'm always looking for an excuse to pay some rent and stay in Canada."
Jay Baruchel

Jay Baruchel will hit the big screen next week in Chaz Thorne's *Just Buried*.

humour, this movie. I guess I've said it before, but when I read a script I really like it's like when I meet a girl I really like — I get butterflies in my stomach.

"That's literally what happened, and my mind then goes to that neurotic, negative place, where it's like 'There's no way this girl is single. There's no way this part isn't cast yet.' It was a full-court press — I

was going to make it my mission to play Oliver. I had the most fun ever making that movie, man."

The put-upon Oliver is of a piece with roles that Baruchel seems to have made his specialty, from *Undeclared* to *Knocked Up* to the upcoming *Tropic Thunder* and *Fanboys*. Does he worry about getting typecast?

"Yeah. I worry about getting cancer, too, but it's like all I can do is do the things that I like. And I know that I have no interest in playing parts that I've already played before. That being said, I've got to pay rent and buy cat food. No one knew I was in *Million Dollar Baby* until I mentioned it to them. I think that it's a testament to that movie — I take that as a compliment. I can't be in any danger of being typecast if I play a retarded Texas boxer, which is pretty far away from what I know."

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Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-5:20-7:45-9:45-10:30
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-1:30-3:20-4:10-6:20-7:40-9:10-10:20
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-7:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-5:7-20-9:50
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:25-4:40-7:35
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:40-9:20
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:20-4:20-6:50-8:45
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:2-3:40-5:57-7:30-10:10
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 2-5:10-7:50-10:25

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10337 Whyte Ave., 780-433-0728
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Monty Python and the Holy Grail (STC) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 3-9 Mon-Thu 9
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From left, Doug Jones as aquatic empath Abe, Ron Perlman as Hellboy and Selma Blair as pyrokinetic Liz in a scene from Hellboy II: The Golden Army, which is currently in theatres.

The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12-3-30-7-10-15 No Passes Wed 12-3-30-7-10-10 No Passes Thu 12-3-30-7-10-15
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Wed 1-30-4:15-7:45-10:20 Thu 1-30-4:15-7-10:20
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:40

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3-7-10:35
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-6:30
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 3:35-9:20
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:40-10:10
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Wed 11:45-2-4:30-

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Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:45-9:30
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Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:40-10:40
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The simplest beauty tool

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner touts the Q-Tip's versatility

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Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says his favourite tool for creating flawless, natural-looking makeup is a Q-Tip.

Banner, who has created looks for a galaxy of A-listers including Jennifer Lopez, Keira Knightley and Angelina Jolie, can be seen dabbing the little cotton-tipped sticks on the faces of ordinary women on the W Network's *Style by Jury*.

"Some people use them for removal and speckles and stuff, but I always use them for application because they're the perfect little beauty tool," he explains.

They're precise, versatile and hygienic, he says. And, he adds, "They're a great way to not pollute colours."

To avoid the chalky look of overall liquid foundation, Banner puts a little concealer on a Q-Tip to paint out flaws, then sweeps a light bronzer over his model's face for a soft glow. "It fills in the pores and blends out the colour," he explains.



Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says Q-Tips are a precise, versatile and hygienic beauty tool.

Also, using a Q-Tip instead of placing the concealer stick directly on skin helps to avoid contaminating the tube with bacteria

from blemishes, he says.

For a soft summer look, Banner starts by rubbing a Q-Tip in a shimmery highlighter and brushing it



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Korby Banner, makeup artist

over the brow bone and below the crease of the eyelid. He also draws a little "M" with the highlighter over the cupid's bow of the top lip to create a more defined pout.

Then, he wets a Q-Tip, twists it to a point, dips it in black cake eyeliner, and sweeps it along the base of the lashes. Next, he wets the other end and blends the line.

He dips a Q-Tip in brownish plum shadow, and brushes it below the crease of the eyelid, and along the bottom lashes. He fluffs the other end into a dome shape, and uses it to dust a softer shade of plum over the entire lid, right up to the brow bone.

He also uses Q-Tips to fill in eyebrows. In fact, Banner says the only things he doesn't use Q-Tips for are mascara and blush.

For lips, he twirls a Q-Tip over lipstick, paints it on, and then wipes the excess colour with the clean end for a lasting tint. "The look for lips is very nude right now," he says.

Banner says the best thing about a Q-Tip is that it can make anyone a better makeup artist. "It's all about blending," he says, "and it blends as you apply."

Shine control

Getting shiny? Sweep a Q-Tip gently across your eyelids and eye contour area to pick up excess oil in these delicate spots. Also, carry blotting tissues to control overall shine. Adding more powder can look caked, and show as too much product on the skin.

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Sydney, Australia.

List of top fashionable cities grows

STUDY The world of fashion remains dominated by five cities — New York, Rome, Paris, Milan and London — but B-list players like Sydney and Dubai are coming on strong, according to an annual survey of top fashion cities.

The list was compiled by the Global Language Monitor, a non-profit group that tracks the frequency of words and phrases in the media, on the Internet and throughout the blogosphere.

New York led the list in 2008 for the fifth consecutive year with Rome retaining the second slot, Paris third again but Milan overtaking London for the fourth position. London came fifth.

But more surprising was the rise of some smaller fashion centres, with Sydney jumping from 12th position to seventh in the list and Dubai moving up 12 spots to No. 12. **REUTERS**

Add interest to your outfits with a waistcoat

Style File

Kim Elbo



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ask kim

What brand of sunscreen do you use?

I like to use a light and non greasy formula for my face. The Clarins SPF 40 Day Screen High Protection is great for everyday use and it sits well underneath makeup; it also doesn't sting if it gets into your eyes. For the rest of my body, I like to use Coppertone SPF 50 in the continuous spray bottle, it's easy to use and you don't need to rub it in. E-mail your style questions to kim.elbo@metronews.ca.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.



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waistcoats

Take your outfit to the next level with a waistcoat. Waistcoats (also known as vests) are great for extending wardrobes because you can pair it with just about anything and if you buy a neutral block colour like grey or black you'll be able to wear it from season to season. Throw it on top of a T-shirt or dress and add a little interest to your outfit.

accessory

Want to know what all the girls are painting their nails and toes with this summer? Elephantastic Pink by OPI nail lacquer. \$13.



short lengths

This season shorts are up and down, you can go thigh high or down low to the knees and all will be acceptable. Keep an open mind with lengths: a mid-length short can be worn to the office, a longer knee is great for a casual weekend and a short short can be worn in the evening or out to the beach. Pull your short look together with a bright white shirt and a dark colour stack heel.



Jail sentence

Actor Dennis Farina was sentenced to two years probation yesterday after reaching a plea agreement with prosecutors for carrying a loaded handgun into Los Angeles International Airport in May. **REUTERS**

TV

Streaming YouTube onto the TV screen

INTERNET Just what the television industry needs, increased competition from those wacky YouTube videos that 68 million people watch every month.

Only now, it will be easier than ever to view them on television screens.

Beginning Thursday, TiVo will offer thousands of its subscribers the ability to stream YouTube videos onto their television sets through their broadband-enabled TiVo boxes.

It's TiVo's first deal for streaming online content, though the company has partnerships with 60 Internet sites that provide content to TiVo. Unlike with those relationships, TiVo users won't be able to store YouTube video clips, just watch them and bookmark them for easy retrieval later.

TiVo's most popular Internet content partner thus far is Amazon Unbox, which features rented movies that are down-

loaded to TiVo set-top boxes for viewing on TV screens just as if they were recorded TV shows.

Tara Maitra, GM of content services at TiVo, said the company's users have downloaded 27 million pieces of content from the 60 Internet partners.

Beyond Amazon Unbox, product reviews from the likes of CNET and comedys from such sources as the Onion and *Break.com* are popular.

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Writers Guild of America members and supporters picket in front of NBC studios during the Hollywood writers strike earlier this year in Burbank, Calif. The strike is one factor being blamed for a drop in employment figures in the entertainment production industry this year.

Hollywood job rates drop

Independent artists/writers hit the hardest

Entertainment is one of the largest employers in Los Angeles County, but growth will significantly lag others this year, according to a report issued Wednesday.

Movie and television production employed 157,800 people in the area last year but will drop this year to 151,800, said the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. It gave the industry a C-minus, one of the lowest grades among all major export industries.

The 3.8 per cent drop puts entertainment second from the bottom among major industries, ahead of only construction, which will see a 6.6 per cent drop in employees.

Broken into three sub-

categories, independent artists, writers and performers will take the biggest hit, losing 8.4 per cent to 9,200 this year. Motion picture and sound is next, with a 4.3 per cent decline to 122,700, and radio, TV and cable broadcasting fares best with 1.6 per cent growth to 20,300.

The better news from the LAEDC's midyear report is that growth in the entertainment industry is expected to return next year as the industry makes up for the labour unrest that has hampered it this year.

In 2009, the industry is expected to directly employ 159,700 people in L.A. County, 5.2 per cent more than this year.

When all independent

contractors are included, the industry employed 241,000 people last year, making it the third-biggest employer among the 19 major industries in L.A. County.

The biggest negative force this year was the 100-day writers strike that started last year but didn't end until February, sucking \$2.5 billion from the county's economy.

Negative forces expected to last into next year include a lack of government-sponsored economic incentives to keep production in California and a levelling off of DVD revenue while "no major new digital revenue streams have emerged," according to the report.

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More to come ABC Family is expected to announce that it has ordered 13 additional episodes of *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*, the promising drama from 7th Heaven creator Brenda Hampton. **REUTERS**

Pre-Emmy hype hits a fever pitch

NUMBATED: Ken Ehrlich, the executive producer of the upcoming Emmy awards, is hardly the first — and won't be the last — to call the Emmy nominations announced yesterday a "changing of the guard."

That was the way he saw things yesterday, in an article by Miami Herald TV critic Glenn Garvin, who did the sums on the nominations and pointed out that while the big four networks and longtime Emmy monolith HBO weren't exactly shut out — they "still collected 290 nominations between them, more than twice as many as all the other channels combined," Garvin points out — but the nominations were full

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of more pointed snubs than high school before prom night. The big news — or at least the news you're going to hear most — is that this year's Emmys mark the moment when basic cable, and not just HBO, got their leg up over the networks and surveyed the land with a conqueror's hunger. AMC, FX and Showtime each got nominated in the presti-

gious best drama category with *Mad Men*, *Damages* and *Dexter*, respectively, while former network favourites such as *Grey's Anatomy* and *Ugly Betty* were left with a fraction of the nomination nods they've gotten in previous years. HBO, for the first time in years, was locked out of the best drama award.

They needn't feel too bad, however, as John Adams, their historical miniseries starring Paul Giamatti as the second U.S.

president, led the pack with 23 nominations, and a solid lead over runners-up 30 Rock (17 nominations), *Mad Men* (16 nominations) and *Pushing Daisies* (12 — more nominations than actual episodes in its truncated first season, as E! Online pointed out.)

The popularity of John Adams is surprising, and conspicuous; it looks like the sort of prestige project that voters feel good about supporting, regardless of what they felt about it, or

whether they'd even watched it all the way through.

E! Online also pointed out that the honeymoon is clearly over for Ugly Betty, which failed to get a Best Comedy series nomination, while adding that Fox was disappointed in its ambitions to see *Family Guy* get a nod in the category, and become the first animated show to be nominated in that category.

I'm sorry, but *Family Guy* best comedy? It's not even close to being the

best animated series on the air right now — the Bizarro world logic of awards shows is abundantly evident in the fact that *The Simpsons*, while years from being remotely deserving, had never been given a nomination.

And after putting that idea out there, I'm going to stop thinking about the Emmys until their Sept. 21 air date has come and gone.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



Zach Braff, *Scrubs* executive producer Bill Lawrence and Sarah Chalke during the ABC Summer Press Tour Wednesday.

Scrubbing in at a new network

ABC is giving *Scrubs* the sort of heavy network support that its creator says was missing during the show's seven years on NBC.

The comedy's production will be upgraded to HD (high-definition) for its eighth-season premiere on ABC, and the network has commissioned six two- to four-minute webisodes to give the show extra promotional heft.

"It was a pleasant surprise to have people from the network visit the set, because nobody has done that in six or seven years," creator/showrunner Bill Lawrence said at the Television Critics Assn. press tour Wednesday.

"I don't think that's NBC dropping the ball; I think it's the difference of doing a show for a network that also produces you."

Scrubs, produced by ABC Studios, is set to premiere midseason. Some have suspected it will be the show's final season, and star Zach Braff in particular says he's likely headed for an exit.

"My sense is this is my

last year," Braff said. Yet Lawrence and ABC Entertainment president Steve McPherson indicated there might be a way to keep the comedy going with new cast members, a la NBC's revolving-door medical drama *ER*. "We do think that it will not hopefully be a one-season situation," McPherson said.

"We do think there's an opportunity after that — talking to Zach, talking to Bill — and whether all of the cast is a part of that, I still think there's a great amount of growth there." Added Lawrence: "McPherson was supportive of the idea that it's like *ER* as a comedy. We brought in some younger people into the show."

Still, Lawrence has the finale — which he'd written about four years ago — ready to go, and it might finally reveal the name of the janitor (Neil Flynn).

"We just have to change some pop culture references," he said.

"When you hear the janitor's name, the show's over."

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| | 3 | KHQ | - | 370 | News (N) | Jeopardy! (N) | Wheel-Fortune | Outrageous | Dateline NBC | | | |
| | 4 | CBXT | - | 307 | Coronation St. | Laughs | Air Force Live | MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives | CBC News: The National | The Hour | | |
| | 6 | KREM | - | 372 | News (N) | Hollywood | Friends | Ghost Whisperer (HDTV) | NUMB3RS (HDTV) | Flashpoint | | |
| | 7 | CKEM | 241 | 347 | TwoHalf Men | TwoHalf Men | Stargate Atlantis | Biography "Martin Short" | The Collector (DVS) | Your City | | |
| | 8 | CITY | 240 | 339 | ET Canada | Entertainment | Very Bad Men (N) | Friday Night Lights | NUMB3RS (HDTV) | News Hour | | |
| | 12 | CBXFT | 119 | 705 | Soccer L'Impact de Montréal contre | Miami FC (SC) | | | Le Téléjournal (N) (SC) | TJ Alberta | | |
| | 13 | KXLY | - | 371 | 4 News at 6 | 4 News at 6:30 | The Insider (N) | Funny Home Videos | Duel (N) | 20/20 | | |
| | 16 | KAYU | - | 373 | 70s Show | The Simpsons | TwoHalf Men | The Animal * (2001, Comedy) Rob Schneider | | News (N) | | |
| | 19 | CHTV | - | - | 70s Show | E News | Greatest Myst. | Dr. 90210 Penile Implant | 20/20 | News (N) | | |
| | 22 | KSPS | - | 374 | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | Life & Times (Part 1 of 2) | McLaughlin | Foreign | NOW on PBS | Bill Moyers Journal (N) | 12 Girls Band | |
| | 15 | CBGN | 502 | - | CBC News: The National | News | CTV Newsnet | CBC News: The National | CBC News: The National | Life & Times | | |
| | 54 | CTVN | 501 | 391 | CTV Newsnet | News | CTV Newsnet | News | CTV Newsnet | News | CTV Newsnet | |
| | 20 | TSN | 400 | 400 | Poker | CFL Pregame | | | | SportsCentre | | |
| | 23 | net | 408 | 418 | MLB Baseball | | | | | Sportsnet Connected (Live) | Ult. Fighter | |
| | 47 | SPEED | 417 | 406 | ARCA RE/MAX Series | | | | | Formula 1 Debrief (N) | Inside GP | |
| | 48 | SCORE | 410 | 403 | (6) WWE SmackDown! | | | | | WWE SmackDown! | | |
| | 14 | YTV | 552 | 543 | The Next Star (N) | | | | | (10:15) The Next Star | Falcon Beach | |
| | 17 | TREE | 553 | 546 | Little Bear | Miss Spider | Big Comfy | Rolie Polie Oie | Beren. Bears | Backyardigans | Dora-Explorer | Go, Diego, Go! |
| | 45 | FAM | 557 | 541 | Zoe 101 | Latest Buzz | Wizards-Place | The Cheetah Girls 2 (2006) Raven. | | (10:06) Johnny Tsunami (1999, Drama) | | |
| | 25 | A&E | 615 | 520 | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | | | | | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | | |
| | 29 | FOOD | 603 | 561 | Tasty Travels | Food Safari | Diner, Drive-In | Road Tasted | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Glutton-Punish. | | |
| | 32 | DISC | 520 | 505 | Man vs. Wild "Australia" | | | | Daily Planet | Iron Chef America | Tasty Travels | |
| | 38 | SPIKE | 628 | 584 | When Good Pets Go Bad 2 | | | | Disorderly Conduct: Video | GameTrailers | Handyman | |
| | 43 | SPACE | 627 | 528 | Ghost Hunters | | | | Deep Evil (2003, Action) Lorenzo Lamas. (DVS) | Factory (HDTV) | GameTrailers | |
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| 7/19/08 | 2 | CFRN | 239 | 318 | W-Five-My Messy Life | Would Be Kings (2008, Crime Drama) | Currie Graham. | Currie Graham. | Currie Graham. | Currie Graham. | Currie Graham. | Currie Graham. |
| | 3 | KHQ | - | 370 | News (N) | Raymond | CSI: Miami "Driven" | Name Is Earl | Name Is Earl | Comedy Now | Comedy Now | News (N) |
| | 4 | CBXT | - | 307 | To Be Announced | | | Pulp Fiction *** (1994, Crime Drama) | John Travolta, Uma Thurman. | Law & Order (HDTV) | Law Order: CI | |
| | 6 | KREM | - | 372 | News (N) | Scrubs | Cold Case | NCIS "Iceman" (HDTV) | The Unit "The Kill Zone" | 48 Hr. Mystery | | |
| | 7 | CKEM | 241 | 347 | Blood Ties (DVS) | | Murdoch Mysteries | Housesitter (2007, Suspense) Tori Spelling. | renegadePress | renegadePress | The City Show | |
| | 8 | CITY | 240 | 339 | Andromeda | | Largo Winch | Andromeda (Part 1 of 2) | renegadePress | renegadePress | News (N) | |
| | 12 | CBXFT | 119 | 705 | Match | Gaz Bar Blues *** (2003, Comédie) Serge Thériault. | Gilles Renaud. (SC) | | Le Téléjournal | Pour l'amour du country (SC) | | |
| | 13 | KXLY | - | 371 | 4 News at 6 | The Insider (N) | Entertainment Tonight | Freaky Friday *** (2003, Comedy) Jamie Lee Curtis. | Elle Stone | | | |
| | 16 | KAYU | - | 373 | 70s Show | The Simpsons | TwoHalf Men | Cops (N) | Cops | America's Most Wanted | News (N) | |
| | 19 | CHTV | - | - | E News | Be Real | Cradle of Lies (2006, Suspense) Shannon Sturges. | Out There | Out There | News (N) | | |
| | 22 | KSPS | - | 374 | The Lawrence Welk Show | May-December | Jack Benny | Anne of Green Gables | Sat. Report | Mansbridge | Life & Times | |
| | 15 | CBGN | 502 | - | Sat. Report | Mansbridge | Life & Times (Part 2 of 2) | Sat. Report | Summer Scene | CTV Newsnet | News | |
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| | 20 | TSN | 400 | 400 | CFL Football | NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers 250. | | | | SportsCentre | Cagefighting | |
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| | 47 | SPEED | 417 | 406 | NASCAR Race | Wrecked | On the Edge | Unique Whips | Low Life | SuperCars | NCTS Midyear | |
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| | 25 | A&E | 615 | 520 | (6) Open Range *** (2003, Western) | Robert Duvall. | | The Cleaner "Pilot" | Open Range *** (2003, Western) | | | |
| | 29 | FOOD | 603 | 561 | Dinner Imposs. | Bobby Flay | Top Chef "Film Food" | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares | Iron Chef America | Top Chef | | |
| | 32 | DISC | 520 | 505 | Deadliest Catch | Criss Angel | Criss Angel | A Haunting | Dirty Jobs "Shrimper" | Criss Angel | | |
| | 38 | SPIKE | 628 | 584 | UFC: Silva vs. Irvin (Live) | | | | UFC: Silva vs. Irvin | | | |
| | 43 | SPACE | 627 | 528 | Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines *** (2003, Science Fiction) | | | | The Scorpion King ** (2002, Adventure) The Rock. | | | |
| | 50 | STAR | 621 | 56 | D.U. Why | Star! Rehab | Britain's Next Top Model | Katie & Peter: Next Chapter | TMZ | Britains | | |

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| 7/20/08 | 2 | CFRN | 239 | 318 | Instant Star (N) | The Hills | Cold Case "Wunderkind" | High School Musical: Picture | Mad Men A rift forms. | News (N) | | |
| | 3 | KHQ | - | 370 | News (N) | Wheel-Fortune | Outrageous | America's Got Talent | Dateline NBC | | | |
| | 4 | CBXT | - | 307 | Heartland (HDTV) | | How Do You Solve-Maria | Poseidon *** (2006, Adventure) Josh Lucas. | CBC News | | | |
| | 6 | KREM | - | 372 | News (N) | | 60 Minutes | Big Brother 10 (N) | Cold Case "Wunderkind" | CSI: NY | | |
| | 7 | CKEM | 241 | 347 | Friends | Hates Chris | Funny Home Videos | A Lot Like Love *** (2005, Romance-Comedy) | Speakers Cmr. | | | |
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| | 14 | YTV | 552 | 543 | Doogal *** (2005, Adventure) Voices of Daniel Yag. | | | | | The Next Star | Falcon Beach | |
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| | 45 | FAM | 557 | 541 | Natural-Sadie | Flight 29 Down | That's-Raven | Zoe 101 | Life Derek | Superman *** (1978, Science Fiction) | | |
| | 25 | A&E | 615 | 520 | Gene Simmons | Gene Simmons | Two Coreys | Intervention "Chad" | Gene Simmons | Gene Simmons | Gene Simmons | |
| | 29 | FOOD | 603 | 561 | Iron Chef America | Jamie at Home | Nigella | Road Grill | Licence to Grill | Iron Chef America | Jamie at Home | |
| | 32 | DISC | 520 | 505 | Jetstream "Dream Killer" | Jetstream "Do or Die" | | | | Biggest Airliner-Airbus A380 | Airliner | |
| | 38 | SPIKE | 628 | 584 | (5:30) Ghostbusters (1984) | Factory (N) | Factory (HDTV) | MANswers | MANswers | Ghostbusters *** (1984, Comedy) | | |
| | 43 | SPACE | 627 | 528 | Godzilla * (1998, Science Fiction) | Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno | | | (9:45) Godzilla vs. | Mothra *** (1992, Science Fiction) | | |
| | 50 | STAR | 621 | 56 | Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew | Girl Next Door | Old Skool | Scott Baio 46 | Look-A-Like | Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew | Katie & Peter | |

U.S. funnyman Andy Dick has been released from jail following his arrest on Wednesday on suspicion of drug possession and sexual battery. The 42-year-old comic posted \$5,000 bail following his arrest in Murieta, Calif., after onlookers reported his inappropriate behaviour. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Parker denies mole removal

SPOTTED Sarah Jessica Parker has denied she has gone under the knife to remove a beauty spot from her face — insisting she has not had plastic surgery of any kind, *imdb.com* reports.

The Sex And The City star was photographed apparently without her signature facial feature — a mole on her chin — as she stepped out for a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York City on Tuesday.

Pictures of the actress clearly show that the previously noticeable blemish has been replaced by a tiny mark.

But 43-year-old Parker is adamant that she has not undergone surgery, with her representative

saying, “Nothing has been removed.”

Meanwhile, Parker has been hailed this year's unexpected crush by a U.S. men's magazine bidding to make up with the actress after calling her the unsexiest woman alive.

The 43-year-old Sex and the City star was outraged last year when men's publication Maxim bestowed her with the unsexy honour, insisting the insult was “brutal.”

And Parker's outspoken opposition to the title seems to have worked. The actress will receive her award in the August issue of the magazine.

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Cruz hounded by press

ACTRESS Actress Penelope Cruz fears for her life every time she steps out in her native Spain because aggressive cameramen follow her every move, *imdb.com* reports.

She says, “In Spain these TV shows are on for maybe 17 hours a day. They are very cheap to make because they just have somebody running after people in the street with a camera, provoking them, insulting them.”

“They are waiting for more and more drama ... Unless they have a dead body in front of them, it's not enough. I mean, it is just beyond crazy and completely unacceptable.”

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celebrity brief

McConaughey a music mogul?

COMPANY Actor Matthew McConaughey is turning his attention to a new project — he has set up his own record company, *imdb.com* reports.

The A Time To Kill star has

already signed his first act — a reggae singer — and is approaching other major music labels for backing. A source tells New York gossip column Page Six, “His first artist is a reggae guy called Mishka. The album will be called Above the Bones and the first single is Here Comes Da Train.”

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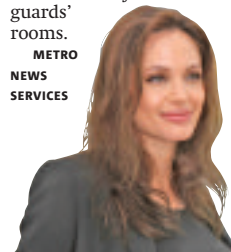
celebrity brief

Jolie inundated with flowers

WELL WISHES The day after Angelina Jolie's twins were born, she received another special delivery: Flowers from each of her children, *usmagazine.com* reports.

“It was a blessed sight,” one hospital staffer says. In addition to the blooms brought by her kids, the actress received so many bouquets that hospital staffers had to store them in her security guards' rooms.

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Paris rejected by top soccer star

MOVES Paris Hilton's attempts to flirt with soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo ended in disaster as the star's romantic advances were rejected, according to reports, *imdb.com* reports.

A source tells British newspaper the Daily Mirror, “Paris saw Ronaldo and immediately slithered past the dozens of women trying to get his attention. Then she climbed over one of his mates and planted herself next to him but he wasn't interested.”

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Blair a common gay crush

ROLES Hollywood actress Selma Blair is regularly propositioned by lesbians because of her three on-screen girl-on-girl love scenes, *imdb.com*.

The 36-year-old, who split from her husband Ahmet Zappa in 2006, gained a massive gay following after locking lips with Sarah Michelle Gellar in 1999's Cruel Intentions. She subsequently went on to film lesbian kissing scenes for last year's Feast of Love and for upcoming movie Driving Lessons. And Blair is convinced that

many women often confuse her for a real life lesbian, according to the New York Daily News.

She says, “I have done three girl-on-girl kisses on-screen. And, yet, I've never done any (lesbian experimentation) in my real life.”

“When lesbian friends tell me they're in love with me after our friendship has been cemented, it always shocks me.”

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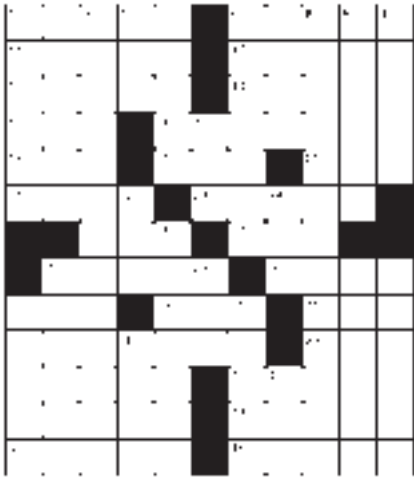
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Hollywood funnyman Will Ferrell and soccer star David Beckham have become the proud owners of a racehorse. The stars were awarded part-ownership of the potential champion as part of a gift bag handed out at the Espy Sports Awards in Los Angeles on Wednesday. **IMDb**



Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Union chapter
6 Pie nut
11 Make amends
12 Eat away
13 Caesar, for one
14 What x sometimes means
15 Female rabbit
16 Most dismal
18 New Haven student
19 Take to court
20 "— been swell!"
21 Tony-winning musical
23 "Sophie's Choice" co-star
25 Wee bit
27 Plunked down

28 Spring sign

30 Plane part

33 Research site

34 Tub

36 Predicament

37 Mapmaker Vespucci

39 Bullring call

40 Singing groups

41 Peptic problem

43 Scout's rider

44 Census

45 Yard tool

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This day in history

JULY 18, 64 A.D.: A fire begins to burn in the merchant area of Rome and soon burns completely out of control while Emperor Nero reportedly plays his lyre and sings while watching the blaze from a safe distance.

JULY 18, 1925: Adolf Hitler publishes his personal manifesto Mein Kampf.

JULY 18, 1984: In a McDonald's fast-food restaurant, James Oliver Huberty opens fire, killing 21 people and injuring 19 others before being shot dead by police.

JULY 18, 1992: The 10 victims of the La Cantuta massacre disappeared from their university in Lima.

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Crossword down

- 1 Pantry
2 "The Stunt Man" star
3 Arise
4 Santa —, California
5 Gives for a bit
6 Far-flying seabirds
7 Composer Satie
8 Become clear
9 "— Fideles"
10 Lairs
17 Penguin's cousin
22 Bar bill
24 Golfer Woosnam
26 Math problem number
28 Strict disciplinarian
29 Pester
31 Mum
32 Wields

- 33 Coffee-bar order
35 Contact
38 Learning method
42 Old card game

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Metro readers do it daily!



SOURCE: NADbank 2007, read yesterday;
BASE: Montreal CMA, Ottawa-Gatineau CMA,
Toronto CMA, Vancouver CMA

previous day's answer



| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| | | 1 | | | 4 | |
| | 9 | | 1 | 3 | | 7 |
| 8 | 5 | | | | | 1 2 |
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| 4 | | | | | | 7 |
| | | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | |
| 6 | 2 | | | | | 4 3 |
| | 3 | | 9 | 4 | | 5 |
| | | 9 | | | 7 | |

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Keep your side of a bargain or lose a friend. An arrogant person's nervousness will interfere. Too much preparation causes turmoil.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Someone can be hurt on a dangerous journey. You'll be punished if you are naughty. Don't worry; life won't pass you by.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't shed tears if your feelings are hurt. Love talk will be about a broken heart. A rational individual lacks a grasp of reality.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A leader wants to be honest. A group is forced to deal with diverted funds. A fragile person is stronger than you think.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A splinter group will decline to retaliate. A good-looking guy has a fright. Watch out for drivers using their phones.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Learn something faster with a companion. A well-meaning person makes problems. A triumph leads to an assessment.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Be attentive to the realization of your destiny. Someone gets snubbed due to lack of popularity. Pay attention to simplicity.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Something unusual causes an allergy. A traitor wants something for free. A crime of passion causes a break down.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

A man's stupid question means a lot. A mischievous person presents a challenge. Release your passion with the light of love.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Calm descends among co-workers. An ailing person needs a stern lecture. You can economize by using a critical eye.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A champion eases a money problem. A lackadaisical attitude can be fixed. A rebel is distressed by a remarkable dream.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Spend some time with cold-hearted people. Tell the truth and cause confusion. Someone argues about ridiculous things.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

previous day's answer

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| 6 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 7 |
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 |

Edmonton weather

Afternoon



40%
Thunderstorms.
21°

Tonight



40%
Thunder showers.
Low 9°

Saturday



Sunny.
24° / 12°

Sunday



Mainly sunny.
26° / 9°



Monday



Sunny.
24° / 12°

Temperature

Normals

High: 23.7°

Low: 11°

Records

High: 34.4°/1941

Low: 1.7°/1885

Sunrise: 5:28 a.m.

Sunset: 9:51 p.m.

Moonset: 5:32 a.m.

Moonrise: 10:18 p.m.

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